

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 8, 2002 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Howard Stephenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Marda Dillree, House Chair
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. David H. Steele
Sen. Alicia L. Suazo
Sen. Michael G. Waddoups
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Margaret Dayton
Rep. James A. Ferrin

Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Loraine T. Pace
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff
Rep. Matt Throckmorton
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler

Members Absent:

Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Patrice Shaffer, Senate Secretary
Ms. Jeanne Wride, Senate Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or contact the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Committee Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2001.

SUB. MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to approve the minutes with the following correction on page 3 regarding the Substitute Teacher Report:

The statement regarding the purpose of the research should state: "The purpose of the research is to assess the need for and preparation of substitute teachers and determine how to address that need and better prepare substitutes to be effective in the classroom."

The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 85 Parental Involvement in Public Education (C. Walker)

Sen. Walker explained the bill specifies characteristics of parental involvement programs.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Supt. Barry Newbold, Jordan School District
Ms. Wendy Bromley, President, Jordan Education Association
Ms. Susan Day, President, Utah PTA

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Lines 14-15: Delete lines 14-15 and insert the following:

"Parents need to be enthroned and recognized as the primary influence in their children's education."

SUB. MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Line 14: After "recognizes the" delete "importance" and insert "primacy"

The motion passed with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Waddoups, and Sen. Hale voting in opposition to the amendment.

MOTION: Rep. Dillree moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 99 **Core Curriculum Amendments** (*D. Gladwell*)

Sen. Gladwell said the bill requires the core curriculum and U-PASS tests to be aligned with each other.

Supt. Stephen Ronnenkamp, Utah School Superintendents Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 206 **New Century Scholarship Program Amendments** (*A. Bradshaw*)

MOTION: Rep. Bradshaw moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Line 20: After "year" delete "they qualify to graduate" and insert "their class graduates"

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Judy Thompson, parent of a New Century scholarship recipient, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to consider the bill as amended a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 221 **State Board of Education Rules and Reports** (*M. Dayton*)

Rep. Dayton discussed the various mandates eliminated by the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to approve the bill and recommend it be sent to the floor. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 209 **Truancy Amendments** (*D. Bordeaux*)

Rep. Bordeaux explained the bill amends the requirement to respond to a truancy notification.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 35: After "refuse to" delete "cooperate" and insert "meet and discuss" and after "authorities" insert "at a reasonably scheduled time"

SUB. MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 35: After "refuse to" delete "cooperate" and insert "meet and discuss the minor's truancy"

The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Buttars, Rep. Dayton, and Rep. Newbold voting in opposition.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Karen Derrick, Salt Lake City School Board
Ms. Wendy Bromley, Jordan Education Association
Ms. Phyllis Sorenson, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Hale moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.

The motion failed with Sen. Hale, Sen. Suazo, Rep. Dillree, Rep. Bordeaux, Rep. Bradshaw, Rep. Buffmire, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Pace, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Tyler voting in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Steele moved to recommend the bill be sent to a standing committee for further consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 79 **School Display of Motto of the United States** (*R. Siddoway*)

Rep. Siddoway said the bill requires the display of the national motto, "In God We Trust," in classrooms.

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 45: Delete "186" and insert "302" and delete "on an appropriately framed background"

The motion passed unanimously.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Marilyn Welles, Private Citizen
Mr. Charles Johnson, Atheists of Utah
Ms. Daniele Eyre, parent
Ms. Elizabeth Mimms, UPNet

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to recommend that the bill as amended be placed on the third reading calendar.

The motion failed with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Steele, Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Waddoups, Sen. Wright, Rep. Dayton, Rep. Dillree, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Pace, and Rep. Throckmorton voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to recommend the bill be assigned to a standing committee. The motion passed unanimously.

S.C.R. 1 Adult Lifelong Learning and Literacy Resolution (D. Steele)

The resolution was not discussed.

S.J.R. 2 Resolution on Investment of State School Fund and Uniform School Fund (L. Hillyard)

The resolution was not discussed.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.